(c) in what manner the said ashes are now proposed to be dispersed"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRl M. V. CHANDRASHrKARA MURTHY) : (a) and (b) Staie Bank of India has reported that a box of the size 18*X18*X20', reported to be containing the ashes of Mahatma Gandhi, was deposited with it on 29-11-1950 by the then Secretary to Chief Minister, Government of Orissa and since then has been lying with its Cuttack Branch.

(c) State Bank of India are in touch with the Government authorities at the State level to decide on the 'urther course of action in this regard.

Reduction in import duty

904. PROF. VIJAY KUMAR MALHOTRA : Will the Minister >f FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are re-ucing import duties of such of the roducts of which there is rise in tlie rices in the country;

(b) if so, the number of items hose prices increased in the country • which import duty has been re-lced and imported in the country ving details thereof item-wise;

(c) the details of the items whose ices have increased in 1994 over the ices prevailing in 1993; and

(d) whether the reduction in the port duty is the onJy solution to *:ck* the rise in prices ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN IE MINISTRY OF FINANCE 4RIM.V. CHANDRASHEKARA JRTHY) : (a) In view of the uing budget, it is not possible to icate the views of the Government this matter.

(b) Does not arise in view of (a) ve.

(c) Manufactured products regis" tered an annual increase of 9.49% based on the Whole Sale Price Index For the week ending 19-11-94 showing generally the increase in prices for such products.

(d) The prices of commodities depend on several factors such as market forces, demand and supply position, etc.

Non-performing assets of public Sector Banks

905. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

SHRI TRILOKI NATH CHATURVEDI : Will tbe Minister of FINANCE be pelased to state :

(a) the amount of and percentage of non-performing assets of each Public Sector Bank, each year from 1991 to 1994;

(b) what is the position of all these banks in respect of realisation of overdue amounts and to what progress in percentage has been made by each bank to expedite the realisation from 1991 to 1994: and

(c) the number of bank employees who have been found to be involved in faulty loans and whether any action has been taken against them during the above period ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY) : fa) Reserve Bank of India (RBI) lias reported that as per available information, the non-performing assets of nationalised banks for the year ended 31st March, 1993 and 31st March, 1994 were Rs. 23,373.46 crores (22.6% to total) and Rs. 25,599.17 crores (24.4% to the total) respectively. RBI urther stated that the increases in quantum of the non-performing assests for the year ended 31-3-94 over the previous year i mainly on account of classification

of advances with balances of less than Rs. 25,000 for that year. For the year ended 31-3-93, banks were not required *to* classify such advances into performing and non-performing. Prudential norms on income recognition, assets classification and provisioning has been introduced from the accounting year beginning 1st April, 1992. As such data relating to 1991 and 1992 is not available.

(b) and (c) RBI have stated that they have no material to furnish as their present data maintainauce system docs not yield such information.

संसद सदस्यों द्वारा सीमा शुल्क विभाग से रिवाल्वरों/पिस्तौलों की खरीद

906. **श्री रामदेव भंडारी** : क्या वित्त मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) संसद सदस्यों द्वारा सीमा शुल्क विभाग से रिवाल्वर/पिस्तौल खरीदने के लिए लिख गए पत्रों में से किस महीने तक के पत्रों का निष्पादन किया जा चुका है ;

(ख) क्या मई-जून महीनों में लिख गये पत्रों का निष्पादन अभी तक नहीं किया गया है ; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो विलम्ब के क्या कारण है तथा इनका निष्पादन कब तक कर दिए जाने की संभावना है ?

वित्त मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री एम. वी. चन्द्रशेखर मूर्ति) (क) सीमा-शुल्क विभाग से रिवाल्वरों/पिस्तौलों को खरीदने के लिए माननीय संसद द्वारा लिखे गये अप्रैल, 1994 तक के पत्रों का निपटान कर दिया गया है।

(ख) और (ग) अप्रैल, 1994 के बाद प्राप्त हुए पत्रों को लम्बित रखा गया था। आवंटन के लिए उपलब्ध हथियारों के स्टाक की समीक्षा करने के बाद, इन लम्बित पत्रों का अब निपटान किया जा रहा है।

Loans under the deferred credit Guarantee scheme

907. SHRI D1LIP SINGH JUDEV: Will the MINISTER OF FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of the loans disbursed during the last three years year-wise in each District in Madhya Pradesh by Industrial Development Bank of India for purchase of vehicles under the Deferred Credit Guarantee Scheme;

(b) how many vehicles were purchased by parties;

(c) how many among them were educated unemployed, and

(d) for how much time this Schemes is likely to continue ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI M.V. CHANDRASHEKARA MURTHY): (a) The details of assistance disbursed by the Industrial Development Bank of India (IDBI) under their Deferred Credit Guarantee Scheme namely; Bills Redisocounting Schemes (BRS) and Direct Discounting Scheme (DDS) for purhase of vehicles in Madhya Pradesh during the last three years are as under:

(Rs. crore)

	BRS	DDS	Total
1991-92	4.46	0.28	4.74
1992-93	8.94	0.10	9.04
1993-94	1.34	0.15	1.49